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1. DECEMBER 5 ROMANIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR AVRAM FURNISHED DCM RUNDOWN ON MACOVESCU VISIT LATE NOVEMBER. HE CHARACTERIZED VISIT AS FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL AND AS FURTHER STEP IN DEVELOPING STILL CLOSER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IT WAS PLANNED FOR LAST JUNE BUT POSTPONED AS RESULT TITO-CEAUSESCU BRIONI MEETINGS, ALGIERS SUMMIT, ETC, AVRAM ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WERE SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES IN ROMANIAN AND YUGOSLAV POLICIES IN A VARIETY OF FIELDS AND THAT THESE CAME OUT IN TALKS BUT INSISTED BOTH SIDES KNOW AND TRUST EACH OTHER ENOUGH BY NOW SO THAT THESE DIFFERENCES DO NOT CLOUD BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. ON MIDDLE EAST, MACOVESCU EMPHASIZED ROMANIA'S ROLE AS COUNTRY MAINTAINING RELATIONS WITH BOTH SIDES AND SPOKE WITH CONSIDERABLE ENTHUSIASM ABOUT RESULTS EBAN VISIT BUCHAREST AND LATTER'S ENDORSEMENT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242. ON MAJOR POINT IN MINIC' PRESENTATION WAS THAT ME SITUATION COULD NOT BE RESOLVED THROUGH EFFORTS BIG POWERS ALONE.

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3. AS AVRAM DESCRIBED THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS, MACOVESCU APPRAISAL OF BROAD SIGNIFICANCE OF BIG POWER DETENTE AND CONVENING OF CSCE WAS CONSIDERABLY MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN MINIC'S, WITH LATTER STRESSING REMAINING PROBLEMS AND TROUBLE SPOTS. IN DISCUSSING MBFR, MACOVESCU TOLD MINIC THAT ROMANIA PARTICIPATING AS EUROPEAN COUNTRY AND NOT AS MEMBER WARSAW PACT; MINIC SAID PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE OTHER SUCH COUNTRIES.

4. AT VARIOUS POINTS IN DISCUSSION WHEN MINIC REFERRED TO POTENTIAL ROLE "NON-ALIGNED" IN RESOLUTION INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, MACOVESCU EXPRESSED AGREEMENT BUT REPLACED TERM "NON-ALIGNED" WITH "SMALLER AND MIDDLE SIZED COUNTRIES".

5. WHILE DENYING THAT ANY CLOUDS HAVE EMERGED ON HORIZON, AVRAM REFUSED TO BE TIED DOWN AS TO TIMING OF TITO VISIT, WHICH WE HAD EARLIER BEEN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND WAS SCHEDULED FOR THIS WINTER. HE SAID A DECEMBER OR JANUARY VISIT IS A DISTANCE POSSIBILITY BUT TITO'S VACATION PLANS AND ME DEVELOPMENTS COMPLICATE SCHEDULING. TOON

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